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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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April 25, 1979

Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

EXP PROC. #35

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

RE: Church of Scientology
I have enclosed a letter from [redacted] and request that you comment on the various points which he has raised.

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Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

John W. Wydler
M.C.
5th
District.
New York

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The Hbn. John W. Wydler
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 12205.

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Dear Congressman Wydler:

I read about:

1. Conviction in France of Ron Hubbard (a science fiction w and founder of the " Church " of Scientology) for fraud in misrepresenti the sale of so-called " E " meters.

2. Break in of headquarters of Scientology by the F. B. I. t retrieve stolen U. S. Government documents. Subsequent newspaper article indicate that a Grand Jury indicted certain members of Scientology who w be tried early in 1979 for stealing government files and /or conspiring do so.

I am interested in learning the current status of item 2 , a whether Federal law enforcement authorities are aware of item 1, and whe Scientology enjoys Federal Income Tax exemption.

Also are the Federal authorities aware that David Susskind conducted a 2 hour T V program at which former members of cults explain they were exploited. A former member of Scientology testified that he re eived room and board plus $ 10. per week, but when the sale on the stree flowers etc. from about 8 a m to 10 p m did not produce enough reve he did not receive any pay for 8 weeks, and during that period was fed c rice.

I shall appreciate it if you would contact the appropiate Fe agencies for data on these subjects. 62-117658-88

With my thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

May 9, 1979

Honorable John W. Wydler
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Congressman Wydler:

Judge Webster asked me to respond to your April 25th communication on behalf of [redacted]. We appreciate the interest which prompted [redacted] to furnish the information in his April 10th letter. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

In reply to your constituent's inquiries, on August 15, 1978, eleven persons, who allegedly were associated with the Church of Scientology, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia. Trial dates have been set for nine of these individuals for September, 1979, and the two remaining individuals are awaiting extradition hearings in England.

I hope the above information will be of assistance to you in responding to [redacted] I am returning your enclosure as requested. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

Sincerely yours,

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Donald W. Moore, Jr.
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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1 - New York - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Moore - Enclosures (2)
1 - Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit - Enclosures (2)
NOTE: Reply coordinated with SA [redacted] General Government Crimes Unit, CID. Bufiles reflect nothing identifiable with [redacted]
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CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

URGENTLY RECCOMMEND THAT SECURITY PROTECTION BE ACCORDED TO NEW WITNESSES AGAINST THE SCIENTOLOGIST IN THE US GOVERNMENT CASE RECENT ACTION BY THIS CULT INDICATES THEY ARE DESPARATE AND EXTREME MEASURES CAN BE EXPECTED. THE SCIENTOLOGIST OWN DOCUMENTS CONFIRM THE MEASURES THEY ARE CAPABLE OF UNDER THEIR FAIR GAME POLICY WHICH SAYS THAT SUBPRESSIVE PERSONS MAY BE LIED TO CHEATED OR DESTROYED. THIS ENEMY'S LIST INCLUDES COMMISSIONER RICHARD TENNEY CLEARWATER FL [redacted] EDITOR CLEARWATER FL RADIO ANNOUNCER [redacted] CLEARWATER FL [redacted] WRITER NEW YORK CITY [redacted] TORONTO CANADA. EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO SAFEGUARD THESE FORMIDABLE CITIZENS IN CURRENT AND FUTURE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS

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AGAINST SCIENTOLOGISTS

MAGGIE AND GABE CAZARES

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(SCIENTOLOGY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) - PROSECUTION DOCUMENTS DETAIL EVIDENCE THAT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY CARRIED OUT A BIZARRE PLOT TO INFILTRATE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND OTHER AGENCIES TO STEAL THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT FILES.

NINE LEADING SCIENTOLOGISTS ACCUSED IN THE PLOT WERE TO APPEAR TODAY BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE CHARLES RICHEY - WHO RELEASED THE EVIDENCE YESTERDAY AND NOW MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO CONVICT THE CHURCH MEMBERS ON ONE CRIMINAL COUNT EACH.

AS PART OF AN UNUSUAL PLEA-BARGAINING AGREEMENT, CHURCH LAWYERS PROMISED RICHEY THEY WOULD AGREE FORMALLY TO THE ACCURACY OF THE MASSIVE, STIPULATED EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING TODAY AND LEAVE THE VERDICT TO HIM, COURT SOURCES SAID.

IN RETURN, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO ALLOW THE DEFENDANTS TO BE FOUND GUILTY OF ONE COUNT, DROPPING OTHER ARGEAGAINST THEM IN A 28-COUNT INDICTMENT.

AMONG THE DEFENDANTS IS MARY SUE HUBBARD, WIFE OF CHURCH FOUNDER L. RON HUBBARD, ONCE A SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER WHO NOW CLAIMS 5 MILLION RELIGIOUS FOLLOWERS.

MOST DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN THE RAIDS WERE KEPT SEALED UNTIL RICHEY PERMITTED THEIR RELEASE YESTERDAY. THE CHURCH STILL PLANS TO APPEAL THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE RAIDS.

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ELEVEN CHURCH MEMBERS WERE NAMED IN THE INDICTMENT LAST YEAR. TWO ARE STILL IN ENGLAND AWAITING EXTRADITION.

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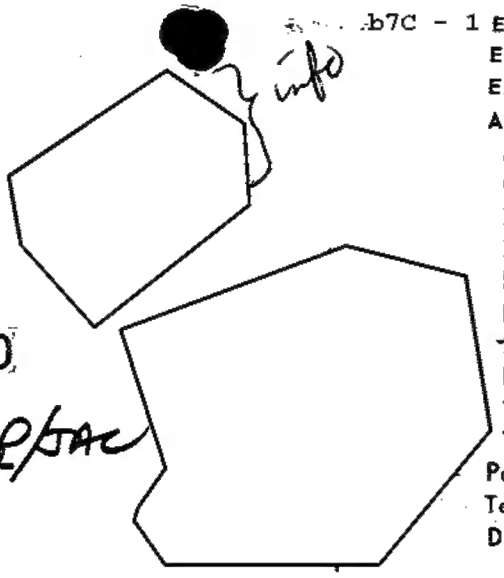

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BY LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) -- NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS SAY CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY LEADERS STOLE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RECORDS ON SINGER FRANK SINATRA AND LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY.

CHURCH MEMOS IN THE DOCUMENTS REVEAL INFORMATION WAS STOLEN ON BRADLEY, SINATRA AND OTHER WELL KNOWN FIGURES "TO SHOW IRS COLLECTION OF NON-TAX RELATED DATA ON FAMOUS PEOPLE."

THE CHURCH CLAIMS THE IRS AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVE CARRIED ON A VENDETTA AGAINST IT OVER THE YEARS.

THE ACTUAL RECORDS ON SINATRA AND BRADLEY WERE NOT AMONG THE SIX CARTONS OF DOCUMENTS RELEASED THURSDAY BY U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE CHARLES R. RICHEY. THE DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED IN 1977 DURING FBI RAIDS OF THE CHURCH'S LOS ANGELES OFFICES.

LAST FRIDAY, RICHEY CONVICTED EIGHT CHURCH LEADERS OF CONSPIRING TO STEAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE CHURCH. A NINTH MEMBER WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR THEFT COUNT. 62-117658-A

JUST BEFORE THE VERDICT, RICHEY RELEASED DOCUMENTS USED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE CRIMINAL CASE. THURSDAY, HE BEGAN MAKING PUBLIC REMAINING DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN THE RAID.

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THE NEWLY RELEASED CHURCH DOCUMENTS SAID SCIENTOLOGISTS HAD A ''DOOM PROGRAM'' TO DISCREDIT THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. OTHER CHURCH RECORDS SAID LEADERS MET WITH SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY, D-MASS., AND TRIED TO START A SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEN. DENNIS DECONCINI, D-ARIZ.

ONE DOCUMENT, DATED MAY 16, 1977, SAID ''3 AGENTS GOT PLACED IN 2 AMA OFFICES.''

''IT FELL APART IN OCT. '75 WHEN THE D.C. (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) MISSIONAIRE (A CHURCH OFFICIAL) LEAKED DATA TO THE PRESS WHICH IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE AGENTS. THE AMA CALLED IN A FIRM OF INVESTIGATORS WHO BLEW THE CHICAGO AGENT ... AND THEN TRACED A CONNECTION TO THE D.C. AGENTS.''

MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CRITICIZED THE CHURCH'S COUNSELING PROGRAM.

THREE CHURCH MEMBERS CLAIMED IN A DOCUMENT THAT THEY SPOKE IN 1975 WITH KENNEDY, WHO AGREED WITH THEIR GOAL OF ABOLISHING INTERPOL, AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE ORGANIZATION.

KENNEDY'S PRESS SECRETARY, TOM SOUTHWICK, SAID HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THE MEETING NOR THE VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SENATOR.

DOCUMENTS DATED 1977 SAID THE CHURCH WANTED TO ''GET A RUMOR CAMPAIGN GOING ON DECONCINI.'' AFTER THE DOCUMENTS WERE READ TO HIM THURSDAY NIGHT, DECONCINI SAID THE CHURCH COULD HAVE BEEN REACTING T HIS SUPPORT OF ''DEPROGRAMMING'' -- AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS CULTS TO QUIT THE GROUPS.

THE REV. KENNETH WHITMAN, THE CHURCH'S PRESIDENT, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THE RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENTS ''WILL TELL NOTH ABOUT THE ACTUAL WORKINGS'' OF THE CHURCH.

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December 12, 1979

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Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Cazares
Apartment A-102
2650 Countryside Boulevard
Clearwater, Florida 33519

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cazares:

Judge Webster asked me to acknowledge receipt of your December 5th telegram. He certainly appreciates your concern and interest in furnishing him your views regarding protecting key witnesses who are testifying against the Church of Scientology. Protection of witnesses does not fall within the authority of the FBI but comes within the scope of the United States Marshals Service. I, therefore, am forwarding a copy of your communication to that agency. Once again let me thank you for your concern.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Bailey
Assistant Director

1 - United States Marshals Service - Enclosure
1 - New York (174-1804) - Enclosure
1 - Tampa (193-8) - Enclosure
1 -Washington Field (47-10713) - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Mr. Cazares is the former Mayor of Clearwater, Florida. He has been most supportive of the FBI, and we have had limited correspondence from him. This reply was discussed with SA [redacted] General Government Crimes Unit, Personal and Property Crimes Section, CID.
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CONCERNING SCIENTOLOGY.

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Dear Sirs;

I am a Norwegian subject, 30 years of age, living and working in Oslo as a designer for industry. I have recently had close encounters with a newly started group of Scientologists in Oslo because I have exposed information about them. My reason for doing so was that my wifes younger sister was about to be sent from our country as a result of a membership in this organisation. The Scientologists have a main centre in Copenhagen, as you are aware.

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

As a result ~~of my interests~~, I am being sued and pursecuted in other ways by the Scientologists who are bringing in assistance from abroad.

Our authoroties are becoming aware of the nature of this organisation, but do not seem to realize that f.inst. security routines must be carefully observed in the handeling of official documents in this matter.

I believe our staff of police have had some contact with Interpol in this matter, but I do not know wether you have had any requests.

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I am perfectly aware that a request from a foreign citizen cannot be handeled as seriously as an official one, but I still beg of you that if there is any way in which you can convey your bureaus experiences to our officials, that you do so.

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In case I, in this manner or elsewise, do ~~not convince~~ our different departments of the true nature of this, I'm facing the immediate situation of many documents possibly being released and dammaging the many witnesses that may be harassed by the scientologists.

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With respect,

CORRESPONDENCE

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FBI,
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Are there documents or data on the technical/electrical aspects of the "E-meter"?

Our country has very strict laws on electrical appliances, and we might succeede in getting the instrument banned for this reason, thus saving the tedious labor that we will elsewise be obliged to go through.

Is the E-meter re-charged by using a transformer, or is it plugged directly to the socket?
The meter in mention is the standard one, the one in a wooden encasing.

Where can information on such be gotten hold of in case you are unable to answer?

Have you lately had reports, or has there been cases of selling vitamin-preparates by the Scientologists?
They are selling unlabelled vitaminpills in Norway.Pills of unknown origin.

May 28, 1980

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Dear [redacted]

Your May 2nd letter has been received, and I can understand the concern which prompted you to write.

We will be happy to provide whatever assistance we can to your local law enforcement authorities if an official request is received from them.

We have no information of a preprinted nature available for public dissemination regarding the Church of Scientology. However, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552), requests have been made in the past regarding this topic and there may be documents available to you under Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations.

If you are interested in seeking such documents under the FOIA, you should make a separate inquiry, clearly marking the envelope and letter as a Freedom of Information Act request, and direct it to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20535. In the letter you must request documents regarding the specific topic of interest to you. For your information, there is a charge of ten cents a page for all releases over 250 pages.

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Sincerely yours,

/S/

Roger S. Young
Inspector in Charge
Public Affairs Office

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1 - Mr. Underwood - Enclosure
Room 6958. This correspondence response may engender a future FOIA inquiry.
1 - Mr. Young - Enclosure
NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Some information has been released under FOIA on the Church of Scientology.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 6/5/80

FROM : LEE COLWELL

SUBJECT: ALLEGED INFILTRATION OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of information received regarding alleged infiltration of DEA by representatives of the Church of Scientology.

DETAILS:

On 6/5/80 [redacted] (protect identity by request), who identified himself [redacted] called me from telephone number [redacted] which he stated was [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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He recently was [redacted]

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He stated the Church of Scientology has publicly acknowledged its goal of getting its people employed in Government agencies so as to know how the Federal agencies work.

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[redacted] advised me that a [redacted], is aware of this information and he planned to [redacted] I asked [redacted] if he would care to meet with me and he stated he was furnishing

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Memorandum for The Director
Re: ALLEGED INFILTRATION OF FEDERAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY CHURCH OF
SCIENTOLOGY

[redacted] and would prefer not to have another meeting. He requested that either I or another representative of the FBI contact [redacted] for further details. He said he had no information there was [redacted] but thought the FBI should be aware of this information. He stated he planned to tell [redacted] (phonetic).

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I told [redacted] we deeply appreciated his interest and thoughtfulness in calling us and alerting us to this potential problem.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a representative of the Planning and Inspection Division, Office of Professional Responsibility, contact [redacted] at DEA to determine the processes which have occurred so that we might benefit from the experience of DEA if, indeed, this is factual information.

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To : Mr. Revell

Date 8/22/80

From : [redacted]

1 - Mr. Chadwick
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]

Subject : [redacted]
FORMER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SPECIAL AGENT INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE: To advise of a discussion between [redacted] and SA [redacted] at FBIHQ on 8/21/80.

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: On 8/21/80, [redacted] former special agent of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he wished to speak about information concerning the Church of Scientology (COS). [redacted] traveled to FBIHQ and provided the following information.

[redacted] stated that he was resigning from the IRS effective [redacted] which will be located in Washington, D. C. He stated that the purpose of his requested meeting was to make a matter of record his past communications and associations with the COS.

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[redacted] stated that approximately 20 years ago his father became involved with Scientology Dianetics. His father subsequently continued studies and both of his parents obtained the Scientology clearance rating of OT-3 clear. [redacted] himself became intensely interested in Scientology and through studies, reached the level OT-1 clear.

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(INSPECTIONS) IRS ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF MEMO ... SA

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Memorandum to Mr. Revell
RE: [redacted]

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As recently as 1962 [redacted] in [redacted] He left the COS in 1962 because their philosophy had become too restrictive. In [redacted] became employed with the IRS as a revenue agent and in [redacted] was designated a special agent.

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During his years while employed with the IRS [redacted] had occasion to continue his contacts with the COS. In 1967 [redacted] went back to the COS and took a "clearing course." In 1975 he again went back to the COS and took additional courses. It was during 1975, after the break-in of the U. S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D. C. by members of the COS that he was recontacted and asked about information he could relay concerning the IRS. [redacted] refused to divulge any information re IRS other than to refer the COS to the Freedom of Information files.

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In 1978 [redacted] was telephonically contacted in Houston, Texas, by [redacted] of the COS, and asked to return to the COS. [redacted] refused and made a memorandum of his contact to his IRS chief.

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[redacted] stated that through his employment with IRS he has made his past association regarding the COS known. He has been interviewed in-depth by the inspection staff of IRS.

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[redacted] stated that his immediate concern was based upon a meeting he had with a high ranking member of the IRS. He refused to divulge the contents of that discussion, however, stated that he had discussed the subject matter in-depth with [redacted] at FBIHQ on 8/15/80. He emphasized that he was so "shaken" over the information gathered from the above meeting that he felt compelled to return to the FBI and make his past association with COS a permanent matter of record.

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The FBI is not investigating the Church of Scientology (COS). For your information, eleven members of COS were indicted during the summer of 1978 by a Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D. C., on several violations of Federal law including Theft of Government Property, Conspiracy, and Interception of Oral Communications. On October 26, 1979, nine of the eleven COS members were found guilty by a U. S. District Judge, Washington, D. C., on various Federal charges. The remaining two COS members are awaiting extradition from England. The FBI is not in a position to furnish a characterization of the COS as pertaining to Executive Order 11785.

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SUPREME COURT TODAY REBUFFED THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S ATTEMPT TO RECOVER DOCUMENTS SEIZED BY THE FBI IN A 1977 RAID ON CHURCH OFFICES IN LOS ANGELES.

WITHOUT COMMENT, THE JUSTICES LEFT INTACT A RULING THAT THE CHURCH HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO RECOVER THE DOCUMENTS WHILE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ARE PENDING AGAINST SOME CHURCH MEMBERS.

ABOUT 150 FBI AGENTS, ARMED WITH SEARCH WARRANTS AND CROW BARS, SEIZED THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE CHURCH'S LOS ANGELES OFFICES EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1977.

A SIMULTANEOUS FBI RAID AND SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AT THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DAYS LATER, THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY ASKED A FEDERAL JUDGE TO FORCE THE FBI TO RETURN THE DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN LOS ANGELES. THE REQUEST SAID THE SEIZURES WERE BASED ON UNCONSTITUTIONAL SEARCH WARRANTS.

THE REQUEST ULTIMATELY WAS REJECTED, AND THE CHURCH APPEALED TO THE 9TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. WHILE THAT APPEAL WAS PENDING, A FEDERAL GRAND JURY HERE INDICTED 11 CHURCH EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

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MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS SEIZED IN THE LOS ANGELES RAID WERE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY. PROSECUTORS SAID THEY WOULD PROVE THAT THE SCIENTOLOGISTS PLANTED SPIES IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND STOLE FEDERAL DOCUMENTS.

THE CIRCUIT COURT RULED THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE'S ORDER BLOCKING THE DOCUMENTS' RETURN COULD NOT BE APPEALED WHILE THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WERE PENDING.

NINE OF THE 11 SCIENTOLOGIST DEFENDANTS WERE CONVICTED ON VARIOUS CHARGES LAST OCT. 26 AFTER A TRIAL IN WASHINGTON. THE TWO REMAINING DEFENDANTS RECENTLY WERE ORDERED EXTRADITED FROM BRITAIN TO STAND TRIAL.

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ATTENTION: [redacted], FBIHQ
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FROM: SAC, EL PASO (62-2162)

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re FBIHQ [redacted] telcal to EP, on 11/15/84.

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The enclosed serials are being furnished as per the request of [redacted]

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To: LIA
Date Received: 05-14-85 Date Due: 07-12-85 Control #: 5051405162
Subject & Date
UNDATED LETTER ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF WASHINGTON STATE, CONCERNING ALLEGED UNDERCOVER GOVT. ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR CHURCH.

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Mr. Phillip D. Brady
Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of
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Room 1603
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Brady:

Members of the Church of Scientology of Washington State have brought to my attention their concerns regarding alleged undercover government activities directed against their church. The relevant material is enclosed for your consideration.

I will appreciate your office reviewing this matter and taking any corrective action which may be appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

SLADE GORTON
United States Senator

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CHURCH "STING" ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
REVEALS PLOT TO TAKE OVER CHURCH

LOS ANGELES...Videotapes made of a Church "sting" operation approved by a Los Angeles police officer involving two agents of the Los Angeles IRS Criminal Investigation Division, released today, reveal a bizarre, multi-government agency COINTELPRO plot designed to take over the control, property and assets of the Church of Scientoloty. (COINTELPRO is the FBI's COunterINTELligence PROgram supposedly cancelled in the 1970's.)

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The videotapes shown at a Los Angeles news conference today disclosed that [redacted] IRS Criminal Investigation (CID) Special Agent and [redacted] IRS Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Special Agent conspired with government operative, [redacted] in an illegal covert intelligence plot in violation of constitutional rights and freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The conspiracy was brought to light when a private investigator, working under the supervision of a Church attorney, obtained written permission from a Los Angeles police officer to videotape clandestine meetings between [redacted] and a Church staff member, that took place in Los Angeles' Griffith Park, in order to document the COINTELPRO operation being planned against the Church. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

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The covert intelligence actions involved in the now exposed agency plot show that COINTELPRO (the illegal and unconstitutional FBI counter-intelligence program that was supposedly cancelled in the 1970's), is still very much alive and in operation in the United States today.

The government agencies and individual officials implicated in what a Church attorney called an "elaborate, criminally vicious plot" were clearly identified in the videotapes. They include:

- [redacted] agents of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Los Angeles IRS Office; b6 - 4 b7C - 4
- [redacted] assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C.;
- [redacted], special assistant U.S. attorney for the FBI in D.C.;
- [redacted], assistant U.S. attorney in Boston;
- The Florida State Attorney General's office; and
- [redacted], detective sergeant of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Church attorney [redacted] stated that the intricacies of this "monstrously lawless conspiracy" were spelled out in detail by [redacted] former [redacted] during secret meetings he had with two members of the Church of Scientology [redacted] who pretended to [redacted] that they were dissatisfied with current Church leadership and wished to "improve matters internally." b6 - 2 b7C - 2

In the videotapes, [redacted] is seen carrying out his orders from the government and his Boston attorney, [redacted] who were directing and supervising him in their carefully orchestrated, covert intelligence plan to overthrow current Church leadership and sieze the Church's sizeable property and assets. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

According to [redacted] IRS CID agent [redacted] was heavily involved in the plot to wrest control of the Church from its current leaders and was in regular, daily contact with his operative [redacted] b6 - 2, 4 b7C - 2, 4

[redacted] secret meetings with the "Loyalists" (the fictitious group of which [redacted] were supposedly members), which were videotaped without [redacted] knowledge, reveal the government/[redacted] plans to: b6 - 2 b7C - 2

- Create and plat forged documents in Church files;
- Steal attorney-client privileged information from the Church;
- Suborn perjury to cover up the conspiracy; and
- Engineer the filing of a suit written by Flynn, based on false allegations which was designed to obtain a receivership of all properties and assets of the Church.

[redacted] said the existence of such a "shameless and shocking" conspiracy involving [redacted] and government agencies and officials is corroborated and detailed over and over again in the videotapes. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

"The evidence in these tapes," [redacted] said, "confirms that the government conspired with [redacted], secretly protecting and aiding him both to obtain information about the Church and to exert legal pressure against the Church through an outrageously abusive and harassive series of suits that now total more than a billion dollars." b6 - 2 b7C - 2

As [redacted] revealed in the videotapes, his goal was "global settlement" of all of the [redacted]-contrived lawsuits against the Church. The method for achieving this, he said, would be through the new Church leaders, who would take over after the [redacted] drafted suit for the "Loyalists" was successful in ousting the current Church executives. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

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[redacted] pointed out that the [redacted] inspired lawsuit, if successful, would have allowed the government to manipulate the Church from the top, while seizing its property and assets. The suit was never filed, [redacted] added, and the government scheme to infiltrate and overturn the management of the Church was successfully thwarted. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

He said the videotapes make it clear that while [redacted] was exchanging information regularly with his lawyer [redacted] he was at the same time attempting to cover up [redacted] involvement in the conspiracy. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

In [redacted] own words: "By the way, I'll never admit that anything comes from [redacted], including any complaints which I may have drafted.. But I'm telling you, he's behind it 100 per cent -- absolutely behind it." b6 - 2 b7C - 2

According to L. Fletcher Prouty, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who is intimately familiar with the FBI's infamous COINTELPRO, [redacted] actions follow the classic modus operandi of infiltration, penetration, disruption, communication, then control. He demonstrates how well he has been trained and coached for his role as an informant by his government mentors." b6 - 2 b7C - 2

"This is an ominous reminder," Prouty added, "of those dread days of the now-outlawed CHAOS and COINTELPRO programs of the CIA and FBI, and we see this trained informant adding the IRS's Criminal Investigation Division (IRS CID) Canada's Ontario Provincial Police, even a Department of Justice attorney, and their willing tool, a lawyer from Boston, to the old and forbidden list of hard-core government departments and agencies that were in operation in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, in a present-day alliance for the reenactment of the same type of unlawful activity."

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[redacted] spokesman for the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles, sharply denounced the unlawful government activity revealed in the [redacted] videotapes. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

"The covert intelligence operation directed against the Church of Scientology, now fully documented and filed as evidence in federal court," he said, "is only the latest in a chain of unlawful and and unconstitutional acts by certain individuals within the government. Such neo-COINTELPRO activities are in complete violation of the basic rights and freedoms of Americans.

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July 8, 1985

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Slade Gorton
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Senator Gorton:

Your communication to the Acting Assistant Attorney General Phillip D. Brady, on behalf of members of the Church of Scientology of Washington State, has been referred to the FBI and brought to my attention.

The FBI has received other inquiries on this subject, and I want to stress that we are not involved in any attempt to destroy the Church of Scientology. In those cases where a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's investigative responsibility has occurred, we always strive to investigate such situations with complete fairness to all parties involved. The facts are then presented to the appropriate United States Attorney's Office, which determines the prosecutive merits of the case.

The videotape referenced in the material you enclosed on this subject has been provided by the Church as an exhibit to various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice, and it fails to substantiate claims of a counter-intelligence program directed against that group.

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I hope this information will be of assistance to you in responding to your constituents.

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Sincerely,

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Honorable Slade Gorton

NOTE: Senator Gorton wrote Mr. Brady regarding alleged undercover Government activities directed against the Church of Scientology. Similar reply has been given in response to other inquiries regarding this matter. That reply was coordinated with SA [redacted], CID, and SA [redacted], LCD, who advised that the videotape referenced was made by the Church of Scientology itself. Transcripts of it which were provided by the Church as exhibits to various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice fail to substantiate the claims of a counterintelligence program directed against them.

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From: [redacted] SAN JOSE, CA
To: THE PRESIDENT ID 324784
Date Received: 06-26-85 Date Due: 08-07-85 Control #: 5070207269
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06-05-85 LETTER PROTESTING THE DECISION BY THE COURTS IN ALLOWING LAWSUITS AGAINST THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY.

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Dear [redacted]

Your May 30th letter to President Reagan concerning the Church of Scientology was referred to the FBI for reply, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The Christopherson v. Church of Scientology case was resolved in a civil court and did not involve an investigation by the FBI; therefore, it is not appropriate for us to comment regarding it.

In response to your other observations, I want to emphasize that the FBI is not involved in any attempt to destroy that Church. In those cases where a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's jurisdiction has occurred, we always strive to investigate such situations with complete fairness to all parties involved. The facts are then presented to the appropriate United States Attorney's Office, which determines the prosecutive merits of the case.

The videotape you referenced was provided by the Church as an exhibit to various pleadings filed in litigation with the Department of Justice, and it fails to substantiate claims of a counterintelligence program directed against that group.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker
Assistant Director
Office of Congressional
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1 - Ms. [redacted] - Enclosures (4)
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NOTE: [redacted] wrote to President Reagan to protest a lawsuit filed against the Church of Scientology in which the complainant was awarded $39 million in damages, and she would like him to investigate this matter "as it violates the 1st Ammendment of the constitution." Handling of attached similar to those sent in reply to other inquiries on this subject. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles based upon available data.

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LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST FROM ITALY; INCIDENT TO THE CRIMINAL CASE OF [redacted] ET AL, INVOLVING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY; [redacted] - GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS; OO: FBIHQ b6 - 2 b7C - 2 b7E - 3

LETTERS ROGATORY FROM THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE DESIRING TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER WERE FORWARDED TO THE [redacted] [redacted], FBIHQ BY THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (OIA), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. DUE TO THE URGENCY OF THIS REQUEST AND THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE'S PLANS TO b7E - 4

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TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1988, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO LOCATE THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED HEREIN TO ADVISE THEM OF THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE'S PLANS TO INTERVIEW THEM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1988, IF SUITABLE REGARDING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE CONTINGENT UPON HOW MANY WITNESSES CAN BE LOCATED AND ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY SUTEL RESULTS OF WITNESS CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA FOR PASSAGE TO OIA BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 8, 1988.

IF ENOUGH WITNESSES CAN BE LOCATED AND ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED, RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCOMPANY THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE ON INTERVIEWS ENSURING THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE INTERVIEWED THAT THE FBI IS NOT INVESTIGATING BUT ONLY ASSISTING THE ITALIANS IN THEIR INVESTIGATION.

IF AND WHEN THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE'S PLANS ARE FINALIZED, RECEIVING OFFICES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SAME BY FBIHQ IN ORDER TO MEET THE MAGISTRATE AT THE AIRPORT AND ARRANGE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

THE LETTERS ROGATORY, WHICH SETS FORTH THE SPECIFIC

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEING INTERVIEWED WILL BE FACSIMILIED TO RECEIVING OFFICES UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TELETYPE.

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BOSTON - BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE [redacted] b6 - 2 b7C - 2

[redacted] BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, TO DETERMINE HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND IF SO WHEN HE WILL BE AVAILABLE. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS HANDLED SEVERAL CASES CONCERNING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN MASSACHUSETTS, AS WELL AS OTHER STATES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE CLAIMED DAMAGES FROM THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY.

LOS ANGELES - LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE [redacted] b6 - 4 b7C - 4

[redacted] OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES WHO HAVE IN THE PAST CARRIED OUT AN INQUIRY ABOUT POSSIBLE FINANCIAL TRANSGRESSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. DETERMINE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND THEIR AVAILABILITY.

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[redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted], TO DETERMINE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND THEIR AVAILABILITY. THESE INDIVIDUALS, IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY AND HAVE HELD IMPORTANT OFFICES IN THIS ORGANIZATION INCLUDING THE MANAGEMENT OF MONEY. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

LOCATE [redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AND [redacted] TO DETERMINE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND THEIR AVAILABILITY. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN JUDICIAL ACTION WITH REFERENCE TO VARIOUS DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE POLICIES OF RON HUBBARD, THE CONTENT OF WHICH IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE AND HER INQUIRY. LOS ANGELES SHOULD SUTEL RESULTS OF THE ABOVE. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

PHILADELPHIA - PHILADELPHIA IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE [redacted] TO DETERMINE HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND HIS b6 - 2 b7C - 2

AVAILABILITY. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS ALSO BEEN AN EFFECTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY.

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SAN FRANCISCO - SAN FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE [redacted] TO DETERMINE HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND HIS AVAILABILITY. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE [redacted] OF HUBBARD.

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TAMPA - TAMPA IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLEARWATER, 112 S. OSCEOLA AVENUE, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF A COPY OF THE CLEARWATER REPORT ON "FLAG", WHICH IS THE MAIN BASE OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, MAY BE OBTAINED FOR THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE.

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THIS MATTER HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, CIVIL LITIGATION UNIT I, FBIHQ, BY THE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST FROM ITALY; INCIDENT TO THE CRIMINAL CASE OF [redacted] ET AL; INVOLVING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY; [redacted] OO: BUREAU.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BOSTON DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1988.

SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] ADVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1988, THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS COLLEAGUES, [redacted] COULD CONSENT TO INTERVIEW AS THERE IS A PENDING TAX INVESTIGATION BY IRS CONCERNING COS. [redacted] INDICATED HE HAS CONTACTED HIS

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SUBJECT: LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST FROM ITALY; INCIDENT TO THE CRIMINAL CASE OF [redacted] ET AL, INVOLVING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY; [redacted] CRIMINAL MATTERS; OO: HQ.

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BOSTON HAS CONTACTED ATTORNEY [redacted] WHO IS NOT A DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUT IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. HE HAS REPRESENTED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS IN LITIGATION AGAINST THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

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ATTORNEY [redacted] IS AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THE ITALIAN

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United States Senate

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October 30, 1989

Mr. John E. Collingwood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Inspector in Charge
Congressional Affairs Office
9th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: [redacted] Church of Scientology

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Dear Mr. Collingwood:

Enclosed please find correspondence from my constituent.

I would appreciate your advising me of your action in this matter and returning the letter with your reply. Please respond to my Fort Myers Regional Office, located at 1342 Colonial Blvd, Suite 27, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack

CONNIE MACK
U.S. Senate

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File: SCNJSTC.040 3 October 1989

Senator Connie Mack
902 Hart Building
Washington DC 20510

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Dear Senator,

I am a resident of Clearwater in Florida and an ex-Scientologist. I am the father of three grown sons whom I introduced to the so-called Church of Scientology, and who are now mentally and emotionally trapped within the Church, in spite of my best efforts to get them out. Also, I have been defrauded of several million dollars by the Church, and I seek restitution.

You may know that the Church maintains headquarters in the city of Clearwater and defrauds Scientologists world-wide of about a half a billion dollars annually.

During the past thirty-five years millions of Scientologists have been deceived, abused, defrauded and enslaved by this criminal organization, losing their families, their friends, their freedom and their money.

In fact this is not a church, nor is Scientology a religion. It is a giant, world-wide scam with the sole purpose of accumulating power and wealth for a small elite at the top. It infiltrates numerous government offices at all levels and already wields an awesome power over much of the world. (Quite probably one of your staff is secretly a member of the Church of Scientology and regularly reports to their Office of Special Affairs.) The basic purpose of L. Ron Hubbard, the criminally insane founder, is revealed by just one affirmation found among his secret writings, "All mankind shall grovel at my feet and not know why."

Those who try to recover damages have little or no hope of prevailing against this wealthy and powerful organization which uses the law and the courts to attack and harass its enemies and to delay and obstruct justice without mercy or scruple.

Many of those who have been defrauded and then left the Church have been blackmailed, harassed or threatened so that they fear to take any action at all to obtain restitution. Many are in hiding, fearing for their lives. In writing letters such as this one, indeed I place my own life at risk.

There are many more trapped in an incredible, science-fiction mishmash of paranoid delusions imposed with the fiendishly clever brain-washing techniques devised by the founder of the Church.

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They believe that only by loyally implementing the founder's teachings, as members of his Church, including donation of vast amounts of money or labor, can they assure their own salvation. Under threat of expulsion and subsequent attack they are coerced and effectively silenced and enslaved.

This satanic cult has initiated hundreds of legal actions, often without legal merit and for the sole purpose of harassment and intimidation. Adversaries of the Church, whether defendants or plaintiffs, are at great disadvantage. The Church attacks and intimidates attorneys, judges and witnesses with harassment, blackmail and bribery. It employs every dirty trick, including fabrication of evidence and charges to incarcerate its enemies in prison or mental hospital, goading to suicide, arranging fatal "accidents", threatening harm to family or friends, anything to destroy or discredit its critics or to delay or impede justice and swell the legal expenses of its adversaries.

Assuming that the defrauded ex-Scientologist survives the attacks of the Church, when he has been exhausted and impoverished by years of expensive litigation, the Church then typically settles out of court for a small fraction of the actual damages, and then only on condition that the ex-Scientologist agrees to say or do nothing against the Church and that the court records be sealed.

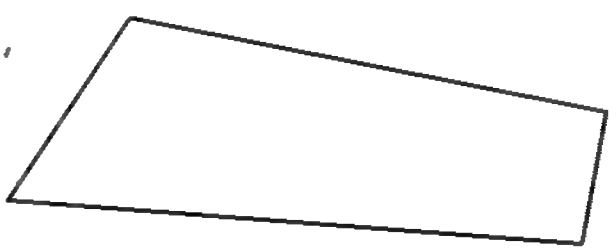
Since the typical disaffected Scientologist leaving the Church is without funds, having been stripped of the last of his money by the Church, he has no alternative but to borrow what he can to retain legal counsel, with the balance of legal fees covered on a contingent fee basis. If he can retain counsel on this basis (increasingly difficult with the growing reputation of the Church as an unprofitable and dangerous adversary), the eventual consequence is that his attorney becomes his adversary, siding with the Church in persuading his client to settle because he, the attorney, feels that he can no longer afford the continuing legal expense or endure the continuing attacks of the Church.

Thus this massive fraud and criminal abuse continues unabated.

It is the belief or hope of many of us who have been victimized by this satanic cult, and also of those concerned and civic-spirited citizens who have not themselves been Scientologists but who have had occasion to know of the evils perpetrated by this so-called Church, that a congressional investigation or a grand jury will arouse sufficient indignation and outrage to prompt the necessary prosecution to bring this horrendous evil to an end, at least in this country.

What advice can you offer? Will you help us?

Sincerely,



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November 7, 1989

Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senator
Suite 27
1342 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Senator Mack:

Your October 30th correspondence on behalf of [redacted], has been received. [redacted] describes his experiences and those of his sons and other former or current members with the Church of Scientology, and his belief that a congressional investigation or a grand jury should be initiated into the activities of this group. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

The FBI, as an investigative arm of the Department of Justice, investigates all violations of Federal law falling within its jurisdiction. We do not, however, infringe on the right of either traditional or nontraditional religious groups to participate in activities protected by the First Amendment. If there is evidence that a law falling within our investigative authority has been violated, then the FBI will institute an investigation. All allegations of criminal activity brought to our attention are carefully reviewed, and appropriate action is subsequently taken should the circumstances warrant it.

If [redacted] has information which he believes would be of investigative interest to the FBI, he should contact a representative of our office located in Room 610, Federal Office Building, 500 Zack Street, Tampa, Florida 33602, and furnish complete details. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

I hope this information will be of help to you in corresponding with [redacted]. Your enclosure is being returned as requested. b6 - 2 b7C - 2

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Sincerely yours,

/S/

John E. Collingwood
Inspector-in-Charge
Congressional Affairs Office

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NOTE: [redacted], who is a former member of the Church of Scientology and of which his sons are members, wrote to Senator Mack expressing his belief that the Church is a "giant, world-wide scam b6 - 2 b7C - 2

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NOTE CONTINUED: with the sole purpose of accumulating power and wealth for a small elite at the top." He says it is the belief of many that "a congressional investigation or a grand jury will arouse sufficient indignation and outrage to prompt the necessary prosecution to bring this horrendous evil to an end, at least in this country." Above response based on past replies to similar inquiries.

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Church of Scientology International

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July 12, 1990

The Honorable William S. Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

I am President of the Church of Scientology International, the Mother Church of the ecclesiastical hierarchy of the Scientology religion. I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the FBI's continued practice of maintaining and disseminating inaccurate, misleading and derogatory information about my Church, our religious practices and beliefs, and about the Founder of the Scientology religion, L. Ron Hubbard.

This practice poses a clear and present threat to the Church's reputation and the safety of its members here and abroad. It is also contrary to the FBI's legitimate law enforcement purpose.

The Bureau's own guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General emphasize that its primary mission is to investigate specific violations of the federal criminal laws for purposes of detection, prevention, and prosecution. These same guidelines make it clear that individuals and organizations should be free from law enforcement scrutiny undertaken without a valid factual predicate and without a valid law enforcement purpose.

The guidelines acknowledge that such activity "poses the risk of undue injury to reputation." They also state that "No investigation may be based on the lawful expression of religious --- views by an individual or group." (emphasis added)

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However, the records maintained by the Bureau concerning the Church represent an unwarranted departure from these policies. Over time, the Bureau has assumed the role of a repository of untrue, unverified and irrelevant information. When this information is transmitted within the Bureau, or disseminated outside the agency to members of the public, other agencies or foreign governments, it fosters a hostile environment for the Church and it conveys the unwarranted and demonstrably false impression that the Church is not a bona fide religion.

Scientology is a religion based upon the research, writings and recorded lectures of L. Ron Hubbard which collectively constitute the Scriptures of the religion and during the past four decades, the Church's religious bona fides have been uniformly recognized by numerous courts in the United States and abroad. (TAB A)

Also during the past four decades, the Church has enjoyed substantial growth with over 300 churches and missions around the world. In that time, the Church has continued to promote L. Ron Hubbard's goals of a drug-free society and "A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war ..." and by doing such promotion, and teaching the individual how to work toward these goals in his day-to-day existence, the Church has gained increasing popular support.

The FBI's files, however, do not reflect an accurate picture of the Church or of the Founder of the Scientology religion, L. Ron Hubbard.

Our review of thousands of pages of FBI records released under the Freedom of Information Act demonstrate that the FBI has, for forty years, consistently described the Church and its practices in inaccurate and derogatory terms.

In response to requests for information about the Church from its own field offices, other agencies and foreign governments, the FBI has furnished uniformly derogatory press reports (as actual newspaper clippings or quotes of newspaper stories as in the "T.S.M.Y Excalibur" memorandum of May 10, 1973) without ever investigating for the actual truth of the matter. To place the imprimatur of the U.S. Government on such baseless and unsubstantiated rumors is not in the best interests of the FBI, and impugns the integrity of the Church in contravention of the Church's First Amendment rights.

The resulting impact upon the Church and its members has been real and substantial. The transmission of this and other disinformation about the Church has fueled investigations by other federal agencies and foreign governments. Church members have been subjected to unwarranted scrutiny based upon their religious affiliation and have experienced immigration problems and official hostility here and abroad. Church organizations and individual parishioners have had their names recorded in government files for no reason other than their association with the Scientology faith. One can only conclude that these results were at least clearly foreseeable, if not actually intended by Bureau personnel.

Although the Bureau records contain repeated disclaimers that it has never conducted an investigation of the Church, the Bureau retains hundreds of files consisting of thousands of pages on the Church under such investigatory captions as "domestic security," "espionage," "extortion" and "fraud." Despite all this attention, the Church has never been indicted, let alone convicted, of a single violation of federal law.

Much of the Bureau's misleading and inaccurate information is contained in documents created twenty to thirty years ago. However, we have been informed that these documents continue to be regularly disseminated to third party FOIA requestors, and presumably domestic and foreign governmental agencies.

As recently as last year according to the Bureau, the FBI's Special Agent in Charge of the Indianapolis Field Office apparently advised Indianapolis city officials to obtain derogatory information about the Church from FBI Headquarters through the Freedom of Information Act. The intentions of that Special Agent are obvious, but the dissemination of the information by the Bureau of unsubstantiated, unverified and too often incorrect reports contained in its files, carries with it the imprimatur that what is transmitted is the official position of the United States government.

As a law enforcement representative of the United States government, the Bureau is expected to enforce an integrity in what it maintains in its files.

Such information seriously impairs and impedes the Church's mission to propagate the religion of Scientology through the world and subjects the Church, its leaders and parishioners to adverse governmental action based solely on their religious beliefs and affiliation. The Church is

entitled to the same neutral and objective treatment as other bona fide religions based on the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The Bureau's files also include voluminous information relating to the criminal proceedings of eleven individuals who had been staff in one small section of the Church of Scientology, called the Guardian's Office. While the Guardian's Office was originally established in 1966 and was responsible for the handling of external affairs, a handful of people in the Guardian's Office went adrift and became involved in actions which were directly contrary to the policies of the Church. These former staff members took it upon themselves to misinterpret and secretively defy the Church's strict rules regarding obeying the law.

The actions for which these eleven individuals were prosecuted and convicted were neither endorsed nor ratified by the Church, nor are they representative of the Church's religious beliefs. All eleven individuals were removed by Church leaders from their respective positions and prohibited from ever again serving on Church staff.

Indeed, the chief prosecutor in these criminal proceedings, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] declared in sworn testimony given in January 1984 that he had no doubt "that the majority of the members of the Church of Scientology had no idea that the leadership of the Guardian's Office was doing what it was doing..." (TAB B)

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Although the FBI's maintenance of such records may be integral to its law enforcement purposes, the dissemination of such records in response to general inquiries about the Church is not. The provision of these records in response to such inquiries inappropriately suggests that the actions of the individuals convicted were endorsed or ratified by the Church and are representative of the Church's religious beliefs. Such implications are grossly unfair, denigrate the religion of Scientology, and taint the thousands of adherents who practice the religion worldwide. The Bureau's files regarding these eleven individuals should be extracted from any files regarding the Church and filed only by the names of the individuals involved.

In an effort to correct the false reports and impressions which have been created through documents such as those contained in the Bureau's files, the ministers of the Church of Scientology issued a booklet entitled "Can We Ever Be Friends?" which provides a concise and comprehensive overview of the work of the Church of Scientology and its members to improve life in a troubled world. (TAB C)

Since the 1950s the FBI has accumulated over 52,000 pages of documents regarding the Scientology religion and its Founder, L. Ron Hubbard. Also during that time period between 450 and 475 case files were opened. Dissemination of incorrect and and unverified information has been sent to at least 15 countries around the world by various FBI Legal Attaches. This same incorrect information was also given to other United States agencies (e.g. Department of Army, Department of Air Force, Department of State) who then disseminated the information both within the continental borders and to an untold number of foreign posts and foreign agencies.

It is my hope that a meeting to discuss these concerns could provide the framework for instituting constructive measures to begin the review of the thousands of documents maintained by the Bureau toward the goal of expunging all incorrect information regarding the Church of Scientology that is currently in your files.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Heber Jentzsch
President
Church of Scientology
International

June 5, 1991

Reverend Heber Jentzsch
President
Church of Scientology International
6331 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 1200
Los Angeles, California 90028-6329

Dear Reverend Jentzsch:

This is in response to your letter addressed to Director William S. Sessions dated July 12, 1990. Because your letter principally concerns the maintenance and dissemination of information by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as well as the fact that there is pending litigation involving the FBI and Church of Scientology, it has been referred to my office for response.

Initially, I would like to advise you that as your letter raised numerous concerns involving FBI operations and policy, a thorough examination requiring a significant amount of time and effort by agency personnel was required. Such a review by the FBI necessitated a delay in responding until now. I am sure you appreciate the FBI's desire to be as responsive to your inquiry as possible. You can be assured that the concerns addressed in your letter were thoroughly evaluated prior to this response.

As correctly stated in your letter, the FBI is tasked by Federal law and regulation to investigate violations of Federal law. In carrying out this responsibility, the FBI has a broad mandate, yet is also governed in certain areas by specific law and regulations. In the area of record collection, maintenance and dissemination, which seems to be a significant concern of the Church of Scientology, the FBI is required by statute and regulations to document agency operations, policy, activities and transactions, and to maintain records acquired or created in the course of conducting agency operations/business.

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1 - Mr. [redacted] (Attn: Mr. [redacted] Room 3849)
1 - Mr. Collingwood
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Attention: Mr. O'Brien
Attention: Mr. [redacted]
Attention: Mr. [redacted] (Room 4282)
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This includes maintenance of correspondence which can often encompass a complaint of criminal activity, substantiated or unsubstantiated by facts, borne out or not borne out by subsequent investigation. Unsolicited correspondence received by the FBI often contains the personal opinion, impressions or interpretations of the facts by the writer. Nevertheless, the character or origin of such correspondence does not relieve the FBI of its statutory obligation to maintain such documentation or conduct the appropriate investigation. Moreover, the FBI, as a Federal agency which performs as its principal function the enforcement of Federal law, is authorized, and has elected, to exempt itself from the statutory obligation to maintain in its investigative records system only such information about an individual as is relevant and necessary to accomplish its mandated functions and to collect information to the greatest extent possible directly from the subject individual himself. The Privacy Act (PA) [Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552], excuses the FBI through a specific statutory exemption from these as well as certain other record collection and maintenance requirements.

A review of records concerning the Church of Scientology and its founder, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, in the Central Records System at FBI Headquarters, has determined that these documents have been compiled and maintained for legitimate criminal investigative and/or administrative purposes. This determination has been the subject of civil litigation and Federal Courts have affirmed the FBI's position. We believe that the dissemination of such information in response to official requests by law enforcement agencies, and in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), [Title 5, U.S.C., Section 552], has been in accordance with all applicable laws and Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations.

The FOIA requires the FBI to disclose record information not specifically exempt from disclosure pursuant to certain statutory exceptions. Because of Mr. Hubbard's prominent position within the organization, the loss of privacy (under the FOIA) following his death, and the lack of privacy rights accorded to organizations, much of the information concerning Mr. Hubbard and the Church of Scientology is subject to public disclosure. The records released pursuant to the FOIA, as well as the summaries produced in response to official inquiries (which would also be subject to FOIA requests), record the FBI's interactions with Mr. Hubbard, his organizations, inquiries and complaints by individuals, as well as the investigations of certain persons suspected or accused of criminal activities.

When the FBI releases record information subject to the PA, such disseminations are made in accordance with all

applicable statutory requirements. Also, when disseminations of information are made to other agencies or foreign governments, the FBI advises the authorized recipient in writing that the information conveyed does not constitute the conclusions or recommendations of the FBI. Compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations does not and should not be interpreted as placing the imprimatur of the United States Government or the FBI on the content of investigative record information when disclosed to the public through the FOIA, or to other Federal agencies or agencies of foreign governments for law enforcement purposes.

In response to your proposal that the FBI correct or expunge its records concerning the Church of Scientology, I must point out that the FOIA contains no provisions for the amendment, correction or expunction of material considered by the requester to be false, inaccurate, incomplete, untimely or irrelevant for agency purposes. The PA does contain provisions for the amendment and correction of records. Such corrective action, however, is only available to an individual as defined by the PA and the organization you represent is not an individual as defined under the PA. There are no provisions in the PA that prevent the maintenance of information concerning an organization.

Additionally, you should be aware that the disposal of agency records is also governed by specific laws and regulations. Prior to any expunction or destruction of records, the FBI must consult and receive the approval of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in accordance with Title 44, U.S.C., Section 3106, 3301 et seq. Agency records deemed to have sufficient administrative, legal, research or other value generally are not authorized for destruction, and are transferred to NARA for retention and preservation. This is so even when the originating agency no longer has a need for such records. The Archivist of the United States has issued regulations for the disposition of Federal records, and Federal agencies are required to develop and implement record destruction plans in conformance with the Archivist's published regulations. Accordingly, the FBI is governed by and must strictly adhere to regulations and plans for the disposal of all agency records.

The FBI makes every effort to collect and maintain records in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Such laws and regulations strike a balance between the rights of individuals and the investigatory responsibilities of Federal law enforcement agencies. As you have correctly recounted in your letter, members of the Church of Scientology have been the subjects of Federal criminal investigation and prosecution. Consequently, information pertaining to certain members of the Church, as well as the Church of Scientology itself, has been

legally maintained and has been the subject of appropriate and permissible inter-agency disseminations and disclosure in accordance with the FOIA.

Finally, it should be noted that in response to FOIA requests concerning the Church of Scientology, the FBI discloses, in addition to other responsive records, a compilation of materials provided by the Church concerning its activities. The FBI considers this course of action reasonable and in conformance with the FOIA.

It is hoped that this response satisfies your inquiry. In view of the FBI's stated operational and legal positions in this matter, particularly as regards the issue of expunction, we do not believe that a meeting between agency and Church representatives to discuss the latter would be useful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Joseph R. Davis
Assistant Director - Legal Counsel

Note: This correspondence responds to the 7/12/90 letter from the Reverend Heber Jentzsch, President, Church of Scientology International, wherein the Reverend Jentzsch alleges numerous improprieties by the FBI in the collection, use, maintenance and dissemination of information relating to the Church, much of which is derogatory in nature. The FBI's response was coordinated with Information Management Division and the Congressional Affairs Office. Delays in responding were incurred due to the nature of the records in issue, the required review of such records and review of past civil litigation involving the Church of Scientology, as well as the review of prior correspondence and agency memoranda on the subject of records pertaining to the Church of Scientology.

This response is in accord with earlier FBI correspondence regarding this matter and the legal opinions expressed and positions taken by the FBI and DOJ in civil litigation regarding the same or similar matters.

There are two pending FBI FOIA lawsuits involving the Church of Scientology [Church of Scientology of California v. FBI, U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number 90-2048R; Church of Scientology International v. FBI, U.S.D.C., D. Mass., Civil Action Number 91-10850C].

Reverend Heber Jentzsch

In two recent civil actions involving the Church of Scientology and the United States Central Bureau - Interpol [Church of Scientology International, Inc., v. USNCB-Interpol, U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number C-89-0707 (RJK); Reverend Heber Jentzsch v. USNCB-Interpol, et al., U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number CV89-1968 CMB (Bx)], the Church has initiated litigation in an effort to obtain law enforcement records pursuant to the FOIA (in the former civil action), and compel expunction of offensive records based on alleged constitutional violations (in the latter civil action which was dismissed without prejudice to allow the plaintiff to pursue the required administrative remedies). The Church's legal challenges to Interpol's record practices are similar to those raised against the FBI in Jentzsch's 7/12/90 letter.

On 5/23/91, Messrs. [redacted] [Civil RICO Unit], Settle [Economic Crimes Unit], and [redacted] [Public Corruption Unit], White-Collar Crimes Section, CID advised they are aware of no ongoing investigations involving the Church of Scientology. On 5/24/91, Mr. Moody, Section Chief, Organized Crime Section, CID, and SA [redacted], PLA, Los Angeles Division, advised they are aware of no ongoing investigations involving the Church of Scientology.

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Church of Scientology International

Office of the President

December 18, 1991

The Honorable William S. Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

I am the President of the Church of Scientology International, the Mother Church of the Scientology religion. Recently, Ms. Gail Armstrong of one of our Churches of Scientology supplied FBI Field Offices with booklets concerning the Scientology religion and the religion's Founder, L. Ron Hubbard, in a good faith effort to ensure that the FBI possesses timely, accurate and complete information concerning Scientology. This is of great importance to the Church as the FBI has routinely disseminated inaccurate and derogatory information concerning the Scientology religion in response to generic inquiries from domestic and foreign authorities.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Church because I was extremely dismayed by the refusal of the Bureau's Freedom of Information - Privacy Section Chief, J. Kevin O'Brien, to even consider placing these booklets in the files of the Church and Mr. Hubbard. According to Mr. O'Brien, as the Privacy Act does not apply to groups, the FBI "has no authority" to take such action for the Church. This position is absurd. If the information contained in an organization's FBI file is clearly unreliable and inaccurate, the FBI would be powerless to correct the inaccuracies in the file. Surely, the Bureau's legitimate law enforcement interests cannot be served by the maintenance and dissemination of unreliable and inaccurate information to other agencies.

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Mr. O'Brien's position indicates that the Bureau's information-gathering activities concerning groups is undefined, unchecked, and unregulated by any standards and procedures. This is disturbing. The central conclusion of Congressional inquiries concerning programmatic FBI abuses in the past is that they occurred primarily because of the absence of such checks and balances. (See, e.g., Church Committee Final Report Book II at page 289: "The Committee's fundamental

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conclusion is that intelligence activities have undermined the constitutional rights of citizens and that they have done so primarily because checks and balances designed by the framers of the Constitution to ensure accountability have not been applied.").

Mr. O'Brien's position also directly conflicts with Attorney General guidelines and FBI policies concerning the First Amendment rights of groups. Indeed, Mr. Director, you emphasized the First Amendment rights of organizations such as the Church in your testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in hearings concerning the FBI investigation of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES). At that time, you stated to Congress that you initiated changes in FBI procedures and policies to ensure that FBI activities do not infringe on the First Amendment, including instituting First Amendment training courses and ensuring that the information collected on organizations is reliable. Courts have also long recognized that the constitutional rights of groups are infringed by inaccurate or unreliable information designed to stigmatize members who associate with the groups.

The records maintained by the Bureau concerning the Church represent an unwarranted departure from these policies. The Bureau has accumulated a repository of uniformly untrue, unverified and irrelevant information rife with innuendo and rumor which, when disseminated to foreign or domestic agencies with the imprimatur of the FBI, fosters a false impression of the Church. This inevitably impairs and impedes the Church's religious mission and leads to adverse action against members of the religion based solely on their beliefs and affiliation.

Although inclusion of these booklets in the FBI files on the Church does not remotely suffice to remedy the situation, at least it will allow a FOIA requester or other recipient to receive some accurate and up-to-date information on the religion. The Church should be entitled to the same neutral and unbiased treatment afforded other bona fide religions. The Church has supplied similar information to the FBI in the past without the type of objection raised by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien's position raises a significant policy question that requires your personal intervention and leadership, Mr. Director. The FBI should not refuse to ensure that its records on groups are reliable and accurate. If the FBI has the power to create, collect and disseminate information on groups, then surely it has the power to correct such information as well. Courts have ordered expungement or correction of such information by the FBI when constitutional rights are infringed.

You have acknowledged the paramount importance of First Amendment Rights and the need to ensure that the Bureau adheres to these rights in your testimony to Congress. These rights must not be ignored whenever an organization can demonstrate that information perpetuated in its files is unreliable and reflects an improper ideological bias. As you stated in a December 12, 1988 airtel regarding the Church, religious commentary outside the scope of FBI investigative responsibilities should not be the subject of investigation or reporting.

There can be no question that the FBI has the power to place this information in the Church's files. As you have acknowledged, Mr. Director, the FBI is not powerless to adhere to the supreme law of the land -- the Bill of Rights.

On behalf of the Churches of Scientology and their members, I request that you place these booklets in the Church's files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Heber C. Jentzsch

Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch
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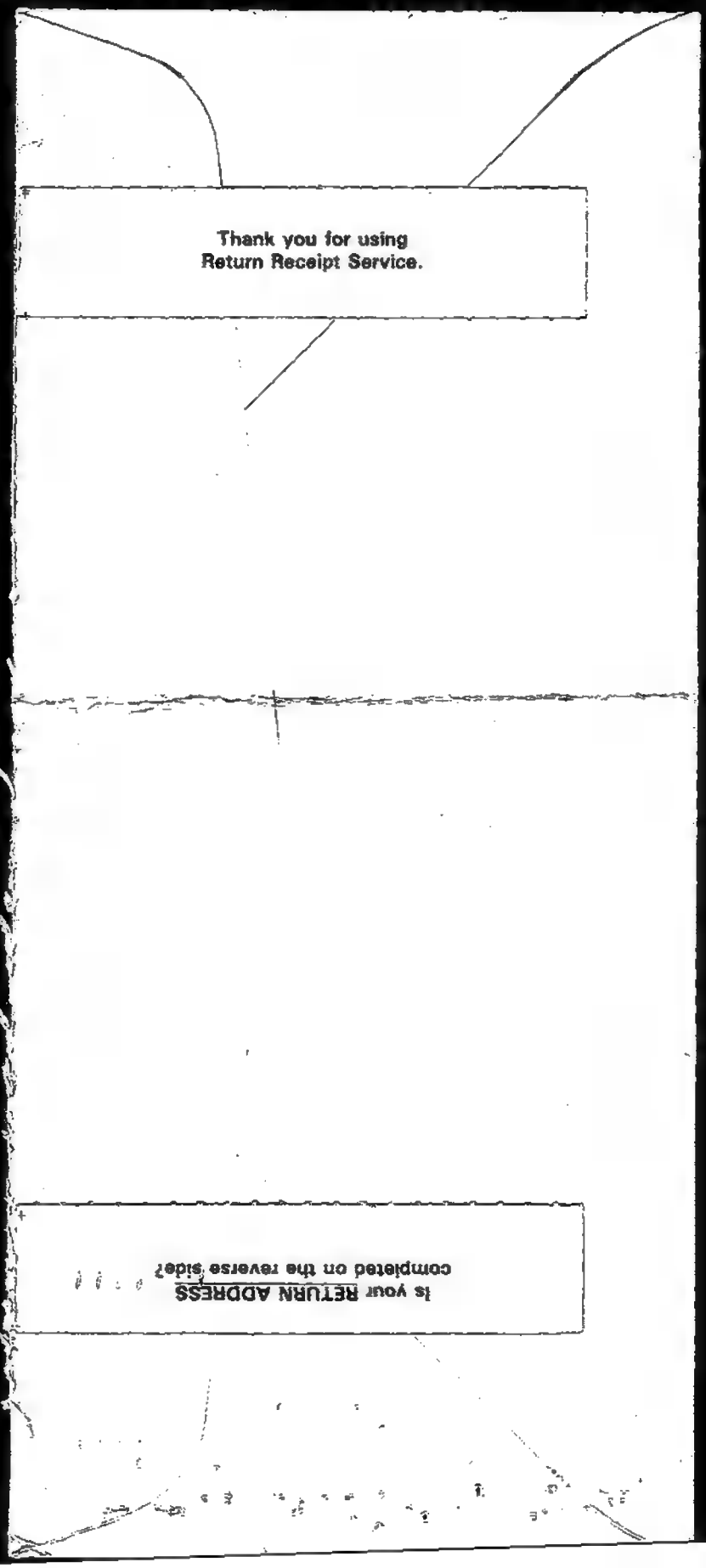
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15 August 1991

J. Kevin O'Brien
Chief
Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts
Section
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am the President of the Church of Scientology of California. Scientology is an internationally recognized religion in 71 countries around the world with hundreds of missions and churches involved solely in religious, charitable and community-oriented programs.

It has come to my attention that FBI files often contain misleading and erroneous information about the Church of Scientology, the Scientology religion itself, and about L. Ron Hubbard, the Founder of the religion.

Because this information is sometimes disseminated to individuals under the Freedom of Information Act, I am asking that you place the enclosed booklets in the appropriate Main Files and that you send a copy of these to future FOIA requestors. I also ask that they be appropriately cross-indexed to any files mentioning L. Ron Hubbard, Church of Scientology, Dianetics generally or Scientology generally.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your acknowlegement by return letter that these booklets are now part your office's files.

Sincerely,

Rev. Gail Armstrong
President
Church of Scientology
of California

Enclosures detached & returned to Rev. Armstrong by letter dated 9/3/91

GA/rs

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September 3, 1991

Reverend Gail Armstrong
President
Church of Scientology of California
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Dear Reverend Armstrong:

This is in response to your letter dated August 15, 1991. You enclosed several booklets and requested that they be placed in the main files on the Church of Scientology (the Church) and L. Ron Hubbard (Hubbard); cross-indexed to any files mentioning the Church, Hubbard, Scientology or Dianetics; and sent to all future Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requesters.

Your attorney, [redacted] was previously informed by letter dated April 16, 1990, that the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, contains no provisions for the amendment, correction, or expungement of material considered by the requester to be inaccurate, false, or misleading. The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, contains provisions allowing individuals to obtain corrective action based on accuracy or First Amendment considerations, but defines an "individual" as a citizen or permanent resident alien. Therefore, the Church is not an "individual" and has no standing to request amendment, correction, or expungement under the Privacy Act; and the FBI has no authority under the Privacy Act to take such action for the Church.

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NOTE FOR SAC: Rev Armstrong has sent letters to FBIHQ and numerous field offices requesting that booklets enclosed with his letters be placed in FBI files. Field offices receiving these booklets should make no copies and return them to the sender citing this letter as the basis for your action.

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Reverend Gail Armstrong

Your requests to place the booklets in FBI files, cross-index them, and send them to future requesters are denied; and the material you enclosed with your letter is being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

J. Kevin O'Brien, Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
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Enclosure

June 5, 1991

Reverend Heber Jentzsch
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Dear Reverend Jentzsch:

This is in response to your letter addressed to Director William S. Sessions dated July 12, 1990. Because your letter principally concerns the maintenance and dissemination of information by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as well as the fact that there is pending litigation involving the FBI and Church of Scientology, it has been referred to my office for response.

Initially, I would like to advise you that as your letter raised numerous concerns involving FBI operations and policy, a thorough examination requiring a significant amount of time and effort by agency personnel was required. Such a review by the FBI necessitated a delay in responding until now. I am sure you appreciate the FBI's desire to be as responsive to your inquiry as possible. You can be assured that the concerns addressed in your letter were thoroughly evaluated prior to this response.

As correctly stated in your letter, the FBI is tasked by Federal law and regulation to investigate violations of Federal law. In carrying out this responsibility, the FBI has a broad mandate, yet is also governed in certain areas by specific law and regulations. In the area of record collection, maintenance and dissemination, which seems to be a significant concern of the Church of Scientology, the FBI is required by statute and regulations to document agency operations, policy, activities and transactions, and to maintain records acquired or created in the course of conducting agency operations/business.

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This includes maintenance of correspondence which can often encompass a complaint of criminal activity, substantiated or unsubstantiated by facts, borne out or not borne out by subsequent investigation. Unsolicited correspondence received by the FBI often contains the personal opinion, impressions or interpretations of the facts by this writer. Nevertheless, the character or origin of such correspondence does not relieve the FBI of its statutory obligation to maintain such documentation or conduct the appropriate investigation. Moreover, the FBI, as a Federal agency which performs as its principal function the enforcement of Federal law, is authorized, and has elected, to exempt itself from the statutory obligation to maintain in its investigative records system only such information about an individual as is relevant and necessary to accomplish its mandated functions and to collect information to the greatest extent possible directly from the subject individual himself. The Privacy Act (PA) [Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552], excuses the FBI through a specific statutory exemption from these as well as certain other record collection and maintenance requirements.

A review of records concerning the Church of Scientology and its founder, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, in the Central Records System at FBI Headquarters, has determined that these documents have been compiled and maintained for legitimate criminal investigative and/or administrative purposes. This determination has been the subject of civil litigation and Federal Courts have affirmed the FBI's position. We believe that the dissemination of such information in response to official requests by law enforcement agencies, and in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), [Title 5, U.S.C., Section 552], has been in accordance with all applicable laws and Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations.

The FOIA requires the FBI to disclose record information not specifically exempt from disclosure pursuant to certain statutory exceptions. Because of Mr. Hubbard's prominent position within the organization, the loss of privacy (under the FOIA) following his death, and the lack of privacy rights accorded to organizations, much of the information concerning Mr. Hubbard and the Church of Scientology is subject to public disclosure. The records released pursuant to the FOIA, as well as the summaries produced in response to official inquiries (which would also be subject to FOIA requests), record the FBI's interactions with Mr. Hubbard, his organizations, inquiries and complaints by individuals, as well as the investigations of certain persons suspected or accused of criminal activities.

When the FBI releases record information subject to the PA, such disseminations are made in accordance with all

applicable statutory requirements. Also, when disseminations of information are made to other agencies or foreign governments, the FBI advises the authorized recipient in writing that the information conveyed does not constitute the conclusions or recommendations of the FBI. Compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations does not and should not be interpreted as placing the imprimatur of the United States Government or the FBI on the content of investigative record information when disclosed to the public through the FOIA, or to other Federal agencies or agencies of foreign governments for law enforcement purposes.

In response to your proposal that the FBI correct or expunge its records concerning the Church of Scientology, I must point out that the FOIA contains no provisions for the amendment, correction or expunction of material considered by the requester to be false, inaccurate, incomplete, untimely or irrelevant for agency purposes. The PA does contain provisions for the amendment and correction of records. Such corrective action, however, is only available to an individual as defined by the PA and the organization you represent is not an individual as defined under the PA. There are no provisions in the PA that prevent the maintenance of information concerning an organization.

Additionally, you should be aware that the disposal of agency records is also governed by specific laws and regulations. Prior to any expunction or destruction of records, the FBI must consult and receive the approval of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in accordance with Title 44, U.S.C., Section 3106, 3301 et seq. Agency records deemed to have sufficient administrative, legal, research or other value generally are not authorized for destruction, and are transferred to NARA for retention and preservation. This is so even when the originating agency no longer has a need for such records. The Archivist of the United States has issued regulations for the disposition of Federal records, and Federal agencies are required to develop and implement record destruction plans in conformance with the Archivist's published regulations. Accordingly, the FBI is governed by and must strictly adhere to regulations and plans for the disposal of all agency records.

The FBI makes every effort to collect and maintain records in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Such laws and regulations strike a balance between the rights of individuals and the investigatory responsibilities of Federal law enforcement agencies. As you have correctly recounted in your letter, members of the Church of Scientology have been the subjects of Federal criminal investigation and prosecution. Consequently, information pertaining to certain members of the Church, as well as the Church of Scientology itself, has been

legally maintained and has been the subject of appropriate and permissible inter-agency disseminations and disclosure in accordance with the FOIA.

Finally, it should be noted that in response to FOIA requests concerning the Church of Scientology, the FBI discloses, in addition to other responsive records, a compilation of materials provided by the Church concerning its activities. The FBI considers this course of action reasonable and in conformance with the FOIA.

It is hoped that this response satisfies your inquiry. In view of the FBI's stated operational and legal positions in this matter, particularly as regards the issue of expunction, we do not believe that a meeting between agency and Church representatives to discuss the latter would be useful.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph R. Davis
Assistant Director - Legal Counsel

Note: This correspondence responds to the 7/12/90 letter from the Reverend Heber Jentzsch, President, Church of Scientology International, wherein the Reverend Jentzsch alleges numerous improprieties by the FBI in the collection, use, maintenance and dissemination of information relating to the Church, much of which is derogatory in nature. The FBI's response was coordinated with Information Management Division and the Congressional Affairs Office. Delays in responding were incurred due to the nature of the records in issue, the required review of such records and review of past civil litigation involving the Church of Scientology, as well as the review of prior correspondence and agency memoranda on the subject of records pertaining to the Church of Scientology.

This response is in accord with earlier FBI correspondence regarding this matter and the legal opinions expressed and positions taken by the FBI and DOJ in civil litigation regarding the same or similar matters.

There are two pending FBI FOIA lawsuits involving the Church of Scientology [Church of Scientology of California v. FBI, U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number 90-2048R; Church of Scientology International v. FBI, U.S.D.C., D. Mass., Civil Action Number 91-10850C].

Reverend Heber Jentzsch

In two recent civil actions involving the Church of Scientology and the United States Central Bureau - Interpol [Church of Scientology International, Inc., v. USNCB-Interpol, U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number C-89-0707 (RJK); Reverend Heber Jentzsch v. USNCB-Interpol, et al., U.S.D.C., C.D. Calif., Civil Action Number CV89-1968 CMB (Bx)], the Church has initiated litigation in an effort to obtain law enforcement records pursuant to the FOIA (in the former civil action), and compel expunction of offensive records based on alleged constitutional violations (in the latter civil action which was dismissed without prejudice to allow the plaintiff to pursue the required administrative remedies). The Church's legal challenges to Interpol's record practices are similar to those raised against the FBI in Jentzsch's 7/12/90 letter.

On 5/23/91, Messrs. [redacted] [Civil RICO Unit], Settle [Economic Crimes Unit], and [redacted] [Public Corruption Unit], White-Collar Crimes Section, CID advised they are aware of no ongoing investigations involving the Church of Scientology. On 5/24/91, Mr. Moody, Section Chief, Organized Crime Section, CID, and SA [redacted], PLA, Los Angeles Division, advised they are aware of no ongoing investigations involving the Church of Scientology.

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U.S. Department of Justice

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January 16, 1992

Reverend Heber C. Jentzsch
President
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Dear Reverend Jentzsch:

This is in response to your letter addressed to Director William S. Sessions dated December 18, 1991. Because your letter concerns the maintenance and dissemination of information by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the actions of the Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Section which is part of the Information Management Division (IMD), it was referred to my office for response.

On August 15, 1991, Ms. Gail Armstrong of the Church of Scientology wrote to the FBI, enclosed several booklets, and requested that they be placed in FBI files, indexed, and sent to all future Freedom of Information Act requesters. On September 3, 1991, Mr. O'Brien of the FOIPA Section of IMD denied Ms. Armstrong's request.

Your letter claims the FBI "has accumulated a repository of uniformly untrue, unverified and irrelevant information rife with innuendo and rumor"; concludes the FBI "has routinely disseminated inaccurate and derogatory information concerning the Scientology religion"; and seeks to "ensure that the FBI possesses timely, accurate, and complete information concerning Scientology" by accepting booklets from the Church of Scientology and then disseminating them in response to

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Reverend Heber C. Jentzsch

"inquiries from domestic and foreign authorities."

Your claims and requests stem from a misunderstanding of the role of the FBI and the specific laws and regulations which guide our record keeping practices.

The FBI is required to document agency operations, policy, and transactions, and to maintain records acquired or created in the course of conducting agency operations. The documents about the Church of Scientology were compiled and maintained for legitimate criminal investigative and/or administrative purposes. This determination has been the subject of civil litigation and Federal courts have affirmed the FBI's position.

The FBI is not an information center to answer general questions about your organization or other organizations. It is not a means for groups and organizations to provide information about themselves to domestic and foreign law enforcement authorities who seek information from the FBI.

I have reviewed Mr. O'Brien's actions in this matter and am in complete agreement with them. A further explanation of the FBI's position in this regard was provided by Joseph R. Davis, Assistant Director - Legal Counsel, in his letter to you dated June 5, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

G. Norman Christensen
Assistant Director
Information Management
Division

NOTE: This response was coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division and the Congressional Affairs Office and is in accord with earlier FBI correspondence regarding this matter and the legal opinions expressed and positions taken by the FBI and DOJ in civil litigation regarding the same or similar matters. On January 8, 1991, [redacted], FBI Academy, stated that the Learning Resource Center at the FBI Academy was not interested in receiving materials from the Church of Scientology for reference purposes, thus no such offer was made to the Church in this correspondence.

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September 19, 1994

Reverend Heber C. Jentzsch
President
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Dear Mr. Jentzsch:

Director Freeh asked me to thank you for sending him a copy of the book, What is Scientology? While he appreciates your kindness, regulations applicable to Department of Justice employees preclude him from accepting most gifts, and regrettably your gift must be returned.

We trust you will understand that the return of your book is not meant in any way to offend the spirit in which it was given. Please know that your thoughtfulness is appreciated deeply.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

John E. Collingwood
Inspector in Charge
Office of Public and
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